

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. An apparatus comprising
 - a computer processor;
 - a monitor;
 - wherein the computer processor causes the monitor to display advertising and the content of the advertising depends on the physical location of the monitor.
2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein
 - the computer processor causes the monitor to display advertising and the content of the advertising depends on the time of day or date or an event.
3. An apparatus comprising
 - a monitor;
 - a user interactive device;
 - and a computer processor which is electrically connected to the monitor and the user interactive device;
 - wherein the computer processor causes the monitor to display a menu of a plurality of telecommunication or internet carriers and upon a user selecting a first carrier of the plurality of telecommunication or internet carriers via the user interactive device, the computer processor enables communication via that first carrier.
4. The apparatus of claim 3 further comprising

a means for receiving money; wherein the computer processor enables communication via the first carrier only if a first amount of money is received by the means for receiving money.

5. The apparatus of claim 4 wherein
the means for receiving money includes a credit/debit/prepaid card reader.
6. The apparatus of claim 4 wherein
the means for receiving money includes a currency bill validator.
7. A method comprising the steps of
receiving money for a pay per use computer; and
enabling operation of the pay per use computer via the Internet.
8. A method comprising the steps of
determining the physical location of a computer monitor;
causing the computer monitor to display advertising, the content of which depends on the
physical location of the monitor.
9. The method of claim 8 further comprising
determining the time of day;
wherein the content of the advertising displayed depends on the time of day and or date.
10. A method comprising the steps of
displaying a menu of a plurality of telecommunications carriers;

receiving a user selection of a first carrier of the plurality of telecommunications carriers;
and enabling a user to communicate via the first carrier.

11. The method of claim 10 further comprising

receiving a first amount of money;

and wherein the user is enabled to communicate via the first carrier only if the first amount of money is received.

12. The method of claim 10 wherein

the first amount of money is received by reading a card/debit/prepaid card.

13. The method of claim 10 wherein

the first amount of money is received by receiving currency.

14. An apparatus comprising

a monitor;

a user interactive device;

and a computer processor which is electrically connected to the monitor and the user interactive device;

wherein the computer processor causes the monitor to display a menu of a plurality of mail/package carriers and upon a user selecting a first carrier of the plurality of mail/package carriers via the user interactive device, the computer processor enables the printing of labels and postage of that first carrier.

15. The apparatus of claim 14 further comprising
a means for receiving money; wherein the computer processor enables the printing of labels and postage of the first mail/package carrier only if a first amount of money is received by the means for receiving money.
16. The apparatus of claim 15 wherein
the means for receiving money includes a credit/ /debit/prepaid card reader.
17. The apparatus of claim 15 wherein
the means for receiving money includes a currency bill validator.
18. A method comprising the steps of
displaying a menu of a plurality of mail/package carriers;
receiving a user selection of a first carrier of the plurality of mail/package carriers and
enabling a user to print labels and postage for the first mail/package carrier.
19. The method of claim 18 further comprising
receiving money for a pay per use computer; and
enabling the printing of labels and postage/ mail charges for the selected mail/package carriers.
20. An apparatus comprising
a monitor;
a user interactive device;

and a computer processor which is electrically connected to the monitor and the user interactive device; and

wherein the computer processor causes the monitor to display a menu of a plurality of television channel carriers and upon a user selecting a first carrier of the plurality of television signal carriers via the user interactive device, the computer processor enables the user to view the signal of that first carrier.

21. The apparatus of claim 20 further comprising

a means for receiving money; wherein the computer processor enables the user to view the signal of that first carrier only if a first amount of money is received by the means for receiving money.

22. The apparatus of claim 20 wherein

the means for receiving money includes a card/debit/prepaid card reader.

23. The apparatus of claim 20 wherein

the means for receiving money includes a currency bill validator.

24. A method comprising the steps of

displaying a menu of a plurality of television signal carriers;

receiving a user selection of a first carrier of the plurality of television signal carriers and enabling a user to view the signals of television signal carriers.

25. The method of claim 24 comprising the steps of

receiving money for a pay per use computer; and enabling the user to view the signal of the user selected television signal carrier from a menu of plurality of television signal carriers.

26. An apparatus comprising

a monitor;

a user interactive device;

and a computer processor which is electrically connected to the monitor and the user interactive device;

wherein the computer processor causes the monitor to display an option for the user to use the computer to play his game resident on his/her own game cartridge, which when selected causes the computer processor to test the game cartridge input port for the existence of a cartridge, and upon confirmation of such existence allows the user to play the games resident on the inserted cartridge.

27. The apparatus of claim 26 further comprising

a means for receiving money; wherein the computer processor enables the user to play the a game only if a first amount of money is received by the means for receiving money.

28. The apparatus of claim 27 wherein

the means for receiving money includes a credit/debit/prepaid card reader.

29. The apparatus of claim 27 wherein

the means for receiving money includes a currency bill validator.

30. A method comprising the steps of

displaying an option on a monitor for a user to use a computer to play a user's game resident on a user's game cartridge,

wherein when the option is selected a processor of the computer tests a game cartridge input port to determine if a game cartridge is connected to the game cartridge input port, and upon confirmation that the user's game cartridge is connected to the game cartridge input port, allows the user to play the games resident on the user's game cartridge.

31. The method of claim 30

wherein the computer is a pay per use computer; and further comprising

receiving money to pay for use of the computer;

and enabling the user to play the games resident on the user's game cartridge.

32. An apparatus comprising

a monitor;

a user interactive device;

and a computer processor which is electrically connected to the monitor and the user interactive device;

wherein the computer processor causes the monitor to display a menu of a plurality of parking lot/garage operators and upon a user selecting a first operator of the plurality of parking lot/garage operators via the user interactive device, the computer processor enables the user to insert a parking lot/garage ticket in the ticket reader slot, reads the ticket and charges him a fee for parking.

33. The apparatus of claim 32 further comprising
a means for receiving money electrically connected to the computer processor; and
wherein a user can pay for a parking lot/garage ticket through the means for receiving money.
34. The apparatus of claim 33 wherein
the means for receiving money includes a card/debit/prepaid card reader.
35. The apparatus of claim 33 wherein
the means for receiving money includes a currency bill validator.
36. A method comprising the steps of
displaying a menu of a plurality of parking lot/garage operators on a monitor;
receiving a user selection of a first parking lot/garage operator of the plurality of parking lot/garage operators and enabling a user to pay for a parking lot/garage ticket.
37. The method of claim 36 further comprising
receiving money to pay for the parking lot/garage ticket.
38. An apparatus comprising
a monitor;
a user interactive device;
and a computer processor which is electrically connected to the monitor and the user interactive device;

wherein the computer processor causes the monitor to display a menu of a plurality of games, plays, or movies, depending on the physical location of the monitor and upon a user selecting a particular game, play, or movie, of the plurality of games, plays, or movies via the user interactive device, the computer processor enables the user to purchase a ticket for the particular game, play, or movie.

39. The apparatus of claim 38 further comprising
a means for receiving money;

wherein the computer processor enables the user to purchase a ticket for the particular game, play, or movie when an amount of money is received by the means for receiving money.

40. A method comprising the steps of
displaying a menu of a plurality of games, plays, or movies;
receiving a user selection of a particular game, play or movie of the plurality of games, plays, or movies and enabling a user to pay for a ticket for particular game, play, or movie.

41. The method of claim 40 comprising the steps of
receiving money to pay for the particular game, play, or movie.

42. apparatus comprising
a monitor;
a user interactive device;
and a computer processor which is electrically connected to the monitor and the user interactive device; and

wherein the computer processor causes the monitor to display a menu of a plurality of lotteries depending on the physical location of the monitor and upon a user selecting a particular lottery of the plurality of lotteries via the user interactive device, the computer processor enables the user to purchase a ticket for the particular lottery.

43. The apparatus of claim 42 further comprising

a means for receiving money electrically connected to the computer processor;

wherein the computer processor enables the user to purchase a ticket for the particular lottery when an amount of money is received by the means for receiving money.

44. A method comprising the steps of

displaying a menu of a plurality of lotteries; and

receiving a user selection of a particular lottery of the plurality of lotteries and enabling a user to pay for a ticket for the user selected lottery.

45. The method of claim 44 comprising the steps of

receiving money to pay for the ticket to the user selected lottery.

46. An apparatus comprising

a monitor;

a user interactive device;

and a computer processor which is electrically connected to the monitor and the user interactive device;

wherein the computer processor causes the monitor to display a menu of a plurality of

games/plays/movies depending on the physical location of the monitor. and upon a user selecting a game/play/movie of the plurality of games/plays/movies via the user interactive device, the computer processor enables the user to purchase tickets for the user selected game/play/movie.

47. The apparatus of claim 46 further comprising

a means for receiving money which is electrically connected to the computer processor;

wherein the computer processor enables the user to a purchase ticket for a user selected game, play, or movie when an amount of money is received by the means for receiving money.

48. An apparatus comprising

a monitor;

a user interactive device;

and a computer processor which is electrically connected to the monitor and the user interactive device;

wherein the computer processor causes the monitor to display a menu of a plurality of municipal, state, or federal levies, fines, or utility charges;

and upon a user selecting a choice of the plurality of municipal, state, or federal levies, fines, or utility charges via the user interactive device, the computer processor enables the user to pay for the charges.

49. The apparatus of claim 48 further comprising

a means for receiving money electrically connected to the computer processor;

wherein the computer processor enables the user to pay the charges when an amount of money is received by the means for receiving money.

50. A method comprising the steps of

displaying a menu of a plurality of municipal, state, or federal levies, fines, or utility charges;

receiving a user selection of a charge of the plurality of municipal, state and or Federal levies, fines, or utility charges, and enabling a user to pay for the charge.

51. The method of claim 50 comprising the steps of

receiving money to pay for the user's charge.

52. An apparatus comprising

a monitor;

a user interactive device;

and a computer processor which is electrically connected to the monitor and the user interactive device;

wherein the computer processor causes the monitor to display a menu of a plurality of video games, movies, music, or sound tracks;

and upon a user selecting a choice of the plurality of video games, movies, music, or sound tracks, via the user interactive device, the computer processor enables the user to record his choice onto a recording and playback media, after the user pays a charge through the means provided for payment of a charge, if a charge is levied.

53. The apparatus of claim 52 further comprising

a means for receiving money electrically connected to the computer processes wherein

the computer processor enables the user to pay for the privilege of copying one or more of a plurality of video games, movies, music, or sound tracks, when an amount of money is received by the means for receiving money.

54. A method comprising the steps of

displaying a menu of a plurality video games, movies, music, or sound tracks;

receiving a user selection of a choice from the plurality of video games, movies, music, or sound tracks;

and enabling a user to pay for recording the choice onto any playback media.

55. The method of claim 54 comprising the steps of

receiving money to pay for the recording of the choice.